

And Then There Were Few

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## 1. Chapter 1:Prologue

A.N. I will be using the english dub names for mostly everything, so no honorifics, japanese names for villages, or japanese names for jutsu (most, as the english dub sees fit) as I think that english with japanese never resonated well when reading...oh and I do not own naruto or any characters in this story. all rights go to kishimoto, or ikimoto in the future.

The Uchiha estate, on the outskirts of the village hidden in the leaves., or the hidden leaf village some would call it. It was dark, close to midnight. Only the sound of wind and the steps of a little boy, running through the seemingly abandoned streets...determined to get home quickly, this little boy, named sasuke, picked up his pace. Only to stop and stare at a wood post off to the side, he could have sworn he was being watched. As he continued he finally made it to his home, something didn't seem right.

As he slowly reached forward to grab the doorknob, he heard a low groan on the other side. Running into the home, he was met with a single image...one that would haunt him for the rest of his life: his father and mother, dead on the floor before him. All he could think to do was scream...until he saw his older brother across the room. On the floor, leaning against the wall and grasping his stomach. "BROTHER!" Sasuke ran to his brother, Itachi, who was seemingly alive.

"Please brother, talk to me! You're not gonna die right?! What happened!?"

As Sasuke was firing questions in a panicking notion, itachi replied very calmly for someone who was losing blood, "Sasuke, alert any near by anbu or shinobi, then get the 3rd hokage!" Sasuke stood there staring at him for a bit, "Go on, this is your big brother telling you this, i'll be fine!" Sasuke ran out the door to get help, as Itachi contemplated what just happened. "\_To think...that this would happen of all things. I knew Madara shouldn't have been trusted. At least he won't pose a threat to the village. And maybe I can be the brother I never got to be\_"

-\*\*FlashBack\*\*-

"I see...So you've aligned yourself with the other side?" Fugaku, Itachi's father was on his knees, as if waiting for what was to come. "Father, Mother...I" Itachi was holding a blade between his parents, struggling to carry forth his action. His mother responded quickly, "I know, Itachi"

"Itachi, just promise me this" Itachi perked up at his father's last request. "Take care of Sasuke"

At this Itachi began to cry, "I will" Knowing what needed to be done, he started to shake, losing his grip on his sword as he started to cry silently. "Do not fear, This is the path you have chosen. Compared to you our pain, ours will be over in an instant. Even if our philosophies differ, I am proud of you. You truly are a kind child." That was the last thing said, as Itachi swiftly killed them both. He slumped down trying to regain his composure, knowing that sasuke will arrive at any moment.

That was until a peculiar swirl appeared. A masked man with long hair seemed to have teleported into the room. "So...you really carried it out, I admit, at first I didn't think you could do it. Truly a testament to your ability to go to any length for the village...which is why I am afraid I cannot allow you or Sasuke to leave here alive." Itachi instantly tensed, staring the man in the eyes, trying to play off some genjutsu, but it did not appear to work for some reason. "Madara, we had a deal, there is no reason to do anything brash!"

Madara chuckled, "You are a loose end Itachi, in the future you will provide me more trouble than what your worth. Don't deny it, you know you will too, it's ok, i'll make it as painless as possible for sasuke!" Getting the intended reaction, Itachi sprang out in anger, throwing a horizontal slash. To his amazement, it phased through, as his body. When he turned around he was met with a sword, completely impaling him, knowing that this was his chance he too, impaled his own sword through Madara. Both of them withdrew as Itachi summoned an ethereal ribcage, trying to end it quickly. Itachi's eyes opened in fear, '\_What is this? Is this the power of the mangekyou?\_'

"Amazing, the susanoo already? It looks like you're serious about this...very well, i'll leave. For now, but get in the way of my plans...and there won't be a next time for either you or Sasuke!" Madara said that last threat with killing intent, as he whirled away. A hole in his chest and using the susanoo, after going through and killing an entire clan. Itachi was in no way, shape or form about to run off and play things smoothly. He thought up a new plan, one that

frames this masked man, as long as his identity of Madara is not revealed, everything should be fine...What a troublesome night.

-\*\*End Flashback\*\*-

Within a half hour, the entire area was crawling with anbu, as Itachi was being carried by a stretcher through the Estate, he did not fail to notice Danzo glaring at him. After an hour of sleep in the hospital, he slowly awoke to sasuke, snoring in a chair by his hospital bed. He couldn't help but smile...maybe what happened was a blessing in disguise. Inflicting pain on your own brother didn't seem appealing at the moment. But that was in the past, as for tomorrow, it should prove interesting.

## 2. Chapter 2: New Bonds

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"All That glitters, Is not gold"

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><p>A new day, the bustling village awoke to the sudden news of a massacre, the likes not seen since the attack of the Nine-Tailed Fox. It was all over when they heard that Itachi and sasuke were the only survivors, as many flocked to the hospital, it was up to anbu to regain some order in the village. Hiruzen, the third Hokage, payed a visit to Itachi, hoping to get some answers.<p>

"So, I hope you've had a nice rest, mind telling me what happened last night?" Hiruzen had his anbu guarding the door, with a simple seal in the room for privacy. Sasuke was still sleeping, probably from all the shock from yesterday. Itachi looked over sasuke, then answered in detail, revealing his mission from Danzo, then hesitantly told him about the masked man, Madara Uchiha. "B-But...Madara can't be alive! He must be at least some years older than me...to think that him of all people would still be lurking through the village. Alright then, the public needs an answer for this, but revealing Madara's involvement will prove to only cause disarray, perhaps we will simply hold a masked marauder responsible. But what Danzo asked of you, I appreciate what you have done, but Danzo acting without my consent will hold severe punishment. As for you and sasuke here." He took a long at Sasuke, then sighed. No kid deserved this, especially as young as him. "As for me and sasuke, I originally planned to leave the village and conduct an investigation on the crime organization known as the akatsuki, keeping tabs for the village. But with it's leader putting me on their hit list I'm forced to have a change of plans. Maybe i'll raise Sasuke myself, I guess I might tell him about the masked man, after that...he'll become an avenger. He should never learn about the truth of the clan, the Uchiha clan must have some face to save." Itachi decided that becoming Sasuke's guardian will be the only logical action as of now...and he has a promise to keep.

-\*\* 1 day later \*\*-

The Uchiha brothers were walking towards their home, near a river of some sort. When Sasuke stopped, tugging on his brother he gestured

over to a small boy. "Brother, that's him, the one I told you about! Naruto Uzumaki!" Itachi never got to know Naruto, but that doesn't mean he is oblivious to the way he is treated, or lack thereof. '\_So this is the jinchuuriki of the Nine-Tails, he is so young, about Sasuke's age, to think that someone can be ousted from society in such a cruel manner' \_"Brother!...are you even listening to me?" "Sasuke, tell me, what do you know about him, personally." "Well...he has no friends, or family from what i've seen. So far he hasn't really shown any bad behavior other than pranks, but when we leave the academy, I can see the other villagers just scoffing at him, like they hate him or something, always angry or scared. Why is that brother? Do you know?" Itachi didn't even answer, but asked another question, "Now, What do you think about him? He has no friends you say, but what about you? Friends are important to have, and to be honest, you don't have any either do you?" Itachi chuckled as Sasuke put on a scowl. "That's because all those kids aren't real friends! Those girls think I'm cool just because of my clan...they don't even care to ask me about what happened. No, they just want to hang out with 'the uchiha'. Well, except for naruto now that I think about it."

Itachi mused over what he heard, then simply started walking off, leaving Sasuke to ramble to himself. "Hey Brother! Wait up!" Nearing their house, Itachi felt a presence, instantly tensing up, "Sasuke, go home by yourself, I have something I have to do." Sasuke waited for a moment then went off running to their house. A couple minutes passed. "So Itachi, It seems that things have took quite the turn around here." "Danzo" Itachi replied. "Root has been disbanded by that cursed Hiruzen, but I guess that can be beneficial later on, but what I came for, was for a favor." Itachi was not expecting that, he was thinking that Danzo was going to get mad at him for what happened. "A favor you say? What would that be?" Danzo looked toward the river, "The boy, Naruto Uzumaki, I wish for you to raise and train him." Itachi's eyes widened, Danzo must have been listening to their earlier conversation, or maybe this was just a coincidence. "And why would I do that?" The words didn't come out the way he wanted it to, he had nothing against him, and he actually was hoping that him and Sasuke would become friends down the line. "If your heart is truly with the village, then you can see what Hiruzen is doing with the boy should be hailed as a crime. He refused to allow me to train him myself, and without the correct nurturing, he will end up like a dull blade, or worse. With the way the villagers treat him, it is ignorant to think that he will not fight back one day." Itachi nodded in agreement "He is a weapon Itachi, a weapon that can bring peace and security to this village, but like a blade, he must be sharpened and cleaned. With the way Hiruzen is carrying things out, he will be nothing but a lost cause. So please Itachi, as you are not leaving the village, help me secure it's future through the boy." Itachi thought for a while, he saw no harm in it, and maybe this could prove to be something more in the future. "Fine, i'll let lord hokage know tomorrow. However it will take me a couple of days to get ready to house Naruto." "It was a pleasure speaking to you Itachi, you have done more for this village than many would care to notice." With that he walked along with his cane to who knows where.

Itachi returned home, with an eager looking sasuke ready for dinner. '\_Even with what happened, he hasn't changed at all, what if did leave him. Would my plan really be the best direction for him?' \_"Brother! What did you do? You were gone for a while!" Itachi walked

pass Sasuke and sat down at a couch, "I was...thinking about Naruto, that boy you told me about." "Itachi, do you know why everyone ignores him?" Itachi knows that when Naruto moved in, the secret would have to come out eventually, especially if he wanted to train him properly as a jinchuuriki. However that would happen at a later time, Itachi gestured for Sasuke to approach him. Sasuke getting ready for a story of sorts was let down when Itachi simply poked his forehead and went to cook dinner. "Sorry Sasuke, i'll tell you another time, for now lets just eat." Sasuke once more had a stern look, to which his brother laughed at.

As Itachi was putting Sasuke in bed, "Sasuke, you should try and get to know Naruto better, I think he would make a great friend, who knows, maybe I can train the both of you." Sasuke got ecstatic, finally going to be trained by his brother, who for all he knows, is the strongest ninja in the village. But he also mused over what was said about getting to know naruto, to him he was just some poor schmuck, not anyone to put too much time and thought into, but if his brother said he was worth it, then he was damn well worth it.

-\*\*next day at the academy\*\*-

As Iruka was giving his lecture, Sasuke once again ignoring all the fan girls, but instead putting his full attention on naruto, who was just gawking about, minding his own business. It went on for a while until they were let out, with sasuke approaching Naruto. "Hey, Naruto" "huh? Oh it's you, \_Sasuke\_. What do you want!" "Hey now, calm down, I just wanted to talk is all." Naruto seemed to be very surprised at this. "Me? You want to talk to me? '\_The jerk finally sees how awesome I am!\_'...well ok" They went off, together, as the fangirls were raging over how Sasuke was giving attention to the class idiot. "Well actually there was something on my mind, I wanted to ask you something. How come no one likes you? Naruto nearly fell on his face from the way he asked, he stopped and stared before sighing. "That's what I wish I knew the answer to" Naruto went off, rambling about his life, and how he was kicked out of the orphanage, left with no parent or family of any kind, no friends, and the complete spite of the adults. Sasuke knew some of it, but hearing it being told to him was shocking, how was this kid even able to move on? Sasuke has his big brother and the love of the villagers on his side, but Naruto" "That seems pretty tough, it feels good knowing i'm not the only one out here" Naruto looked at Sasuke intently, what did he have to deal with? "It happened just a couple days ago, my entire clan, th-they" Sasuke was having a problem getting the words out, his throat started to stiffen and he had to fight back some tears. "My whole clan, even my parents, were murdered in one night." Wow, and here Naruto thought he was some stuck up kid thinking he had it all hard when he was really just snobby. No, this was on a whole different level, Naruto never knew his parents, he never suffered loss, more like the lack of a bond. But better no bond than one severed right? "I-I'm so sorry, I never even noticed...you know what Sasuke you're alright! I always thought of you as a jerk, but you seem pretty good in my book!" Naruto and Sasuke smiled at each other. "You're still a loser." Sasuke said chuckling, he never got close to any of the academy kids, maybe, maybe now he can start making new bonds.

I own 0% of Naruto. hello darkness my old friend

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><p>It has been several months since he was taken in by Itachi and Sasuke. It took a while to get used to rules and learning proper behavior and how to clean your room and all that. Sasuke was still unsure at first, but it wasn't long until they became as thick as thieves. Itachi gave them matching clothes, which looked very similar to anbu gear, only that it had a dark blue shirt with a high collar. (A.N. Itachi's anbu gear) Even if they were only academy students, Itachi trained them to the ground, as if he had literally nothing better to do. Ironical since Sasuke has always dreamed of training with his brother, and now it was the bane of his existence.<p>

"Come on you two, I want it bigger this time, try again." Itachi said, watching from afar. Naruto was visibly tired, but Sasuke looked like he was on his last legs. Naruto looked at Itachi "We've been at this for 2 hours! Sasuke can't keep up with me!" Naruto and Sasuke have been training to combine their wind and fire jutsu to create infernos for a lack of better word. As Sasuke would use his fireball jutsu, Naruto would use wind style: vacuum bomb, a jutsu taught to him by Itachi. He knew copying all of Danzo's jutsu scrolls would come in handy, and in the event of a betrayal. "Shut it! You heard what Itachi said about your clan, it's not my fault that I wasn't born with an infinite battery, just be thankful of that gift, but unlike me, you don't have the sharingan!" Sasuke said to Naruto's earlier comment. '\_But he has something even greater, speaking of which' \_

"Both of you come over here." The two kids stopped their combo training and sat down in front of Itachi" "Naruto, what I am about to tell you...is going to be difficult to take, but I assure you that it is all true, and please, any questions you have will have to wait." "Naruto wasn't some dumb kid anymore, he could take anything right?" "Tell me Naruto, what do you know about the attack on the hidden leaf village many years ago. The night you were born." Sasuke knew almost all about it, he eavesdropped on a Uchiha meeting once, and through all they said he pieced together that an unknown man summoned the nine-tails and battled with the fourth hokage. Unlike most other kids, he also knew that it was not defeated, but trapped in something called a jinchuriki, they referred to this thing as a 'brat', so it must have been some kid, some kid with a demon trapped inside, what a poor kid, he can only imagine what the people would treat him like.

Sasuke's eyes widened in realization and stared intently at Naruto, how could he have been this stupid? Massive chakra, weird disappearing markings on his stomach, harsh treatment and now this 'talk' Itachi is giving. "The nine-tails attacked! When the fourth hokage killed the demon fox and saved the day, but he died during the battle." Itachi was bewildered on how secretive everything about that topic was, they aren't even taught the truth in the academy. "Wrong, the nine-tails can't be killed, it can only be sealed, similar to how we learned to seal gear, but on a larger more powerful scale." Naruto was in awe, he knew how to seal weapons pretty easily, but sealing a monster bigger than the tallest building in the leaf? "That's awesome! So does the leaf have it sealed away somewhere!" Sasuke chuckled '\_If only you knew' \_"Well...yes the leaf does have it

sealed away, but not in a scroll, but in a person. Making that person a jinchuriki, or the human vessel of a tailed beast." Naruto doesn't know if he should be scared or curious. The nine-tails is basically walking around in human form, but at the same time, does that person talk to him or use his power? '\_I wonder what someone can do with that kind of power?\_' '\*\*Many things' \*\*"I'm sorry what did you say?" "I said that the tailed beast is sealed ins-" "No after that!" Naruto could have sworn he heard a voice, deeper than Itachi but he was sure he heard something. Itachi was staring at Naruto with a raised eyebrow. "Anyway...I was going to say, that the nine-tailed beast is inside of you, Naruto." Naruto could feel the whole world turn around him, a sick feeling in his stomach, that explains a lot, no wonder all those people hate him, he is the living embodiment of evil! Of destruction and hate! "No...that-" Before naruto could finish his sentence, Itachi's eyes glowed red and his tomoe started to spin, before long naruto found himself somewhere different.

Itachi and Naruto were in a sewer of some sort, in front of them, a large cage with a seal on it. "Uh, Itachi, where are we?" "Inside your mindscape, this is where you can communicate with the nine-tails." "AAAGH HERE?!" "Calm down Naruto, that large cage is your seal, it can only be broken by you or a seal master." "\*\*Well, If it isn't my favorite Uchiha! Even from here I could sense you and that bastard Madara having the time of your lives, too bad you didn't kill him as well" \*\*Itachi inwardly flinched at the monsters dark humor, but he spent a long time studying history and philosophy, something no kid his age did, for that he knew a bit about the beast and their treatment. '\_Now this is a gamble, I can use Shisui's eye to make him more willing to cooperate with naruto, but any command too drastic and he might catch on, making it a huge risk.' \_\*\*"that sharingan" \*\*The fox said this with a slight sense of mistrust in his voice, with those eyes he is defenceless. Itachi, catching on, used this to his advantage, "well then, how about a deal, you and Naruto work together, and I'll guarantee no one will take advantage of you again, as well as protection from Madara" The fox caught on to the irony and was about to refuse, but he had a change of heart, not sure why but he did. Not dealing with madara again was a good deal as any, and helping out the poor kid couldn't be that bad right? But he still didn't like it. "\*\*Fine, we have a deal, but don't think I am going to up and just give you all the power you want. I am no one's slave, and I am most certainly not a weapon! Understand Naruto?" \*\*At this point Naruto was jumping around and more happy than he has ever been, he highly of himself, he now has the power of the nine-tails! "Wait where did Itachi go?" A crow with a Sharingan flew over to Naruto's shoulders, before slowly withering away. "Anyways, My name is Naruto Uzumaki and I am going to be the hokage! then I can watch over Itachi and Sasuke and all my other friends! What's your name?"\_\*\* 'Great, now he thinks he's my friend!' '\*\*\_\*\*Look kid, I agreed to help you out, but that's it, If you need power it should come automatically, just don't use too much.' \*\*Naruto was oblivious to the fox's disgusted tone and just kept up a smile, "Alright then later mr. nine tails!" \_\*\*'Mr. nine tails?...stupid boy. But, there is something familiar about him. Smells like the old man's brat.'\*\*\_

When Naruto woke up he was still in the same place, with Sasuke looking at him oddly. "Naruto, what happened?" Itachi watched as Naruto was filled with energy detailing about how him and the nine-tails were now friends. '\_Good thing lord third allowed this, I just hope he doesn't go around the village causing a scene' \_"Alright you two, it's getting late, we'll continue tomorrow." Naruto and

Sasuke returned home, unknowing they were being watched.

**\*\*Hokage Tower\*\***

As Hiruzen leaned back from his magic ball, he smiled. '\_This is going better than I thought it would, trust Itachi to do things right, funny that this is all possible thanks to Danzo, better make sure to thank him later' \_he seemed to be in a good mood, until he saw the paperwork before him, instantly putting the kage in his place.

**\*\*next morning\*\***

It was very early in the morning, slight breeze carrying about, and the sun was still not out in view, however Naruto and Sasuke were already up and ready for training. "Hey brother, how come you make us do all of these team exercises when the genin teams are randomized, what's the chance that me and Naruto will actually be on the same team?" The graduation exams were still a ways away but it was good to know what's what "Good point, but it's not randomized, the formations are all specialized teams, from a tracking team, to the main power team, and others. Sasuke, are you the best in your class as of now?" Sasuke was always destined to be rookie of the year, thanks to his clan bloodline, as a certain Hyuuga put it. And naruto was always terrible at everything, however currently he is tied for first, not that anyone knows since the academy is still just learning things. "Yeah, along with Naruto. Why?" Itachi had an idea, then turned to Naruto, "The tradition is to put rookie of the year, and the dead last together for balance, along with kunoichi of the year." Naruto perked up "I get it, so I just purposely fail at most things to get dead last!" "Sure, just pass the graduation exams, or you won't become a genin at all." Naruto gulped, that was the last thing he was going to let happen. "Now then, Naruto, it's important you learn how to use the nine-tails chakra, it might be a bit overpowering at first, just focus on drawing that power, then going through the standard training routine I have set up." Naruto nodded and went off to another part of the training ground and tried to focus his energy. "What about me brother! What can I train?" Itachi stared at Sasuke's eyes, feeling it was time to truly teach him the powers of the sharingan, he motioned for Sasuke to activate his one tomoe "How much can you see, with those Sharingan of yours?" For reasons unknown, Sasuke felt himself shiver, "What do you mean? You've already trained me to use it in combat." Itachi was about to answer when naruto started bursting with spiraling red energy, pushing wind outwards as it slowly faded into naruto's body, giving him a slight red tinted aura. '\_Woah, this is way more chakra than I had before...I like it.' \_Itachi was amazed, he's seen the nine tails before, but feeling it's chakra compressed into a single body was slightly different.

"Well Sasuke, I believe it's time to train you in genjutsu, you know that's my specialty, and since we're brothers I think you can master genjutsu too" Sasuke knew about genjutsu, but he never thought about putting too much time into it, ninjutsu was more his style, but Itachi was considered a prodigy. Perhaps following in his footsteps is a good idea. "I'll teach you the basics now, then I can teach you advanced genjutsu when you get two tomoe, then three." Itachi looked over at Naruto who was putting ridiculous amounts of chakra into his wind jutsu, cutting down near an entire section of the forest with a vacuum blast. '\_I'm going to have to put more time into Sasuke's training to match Naruto's power, to think he would come this far at



this age.'\_

**\*\*--An alternate dimension in an abandoned fortress--\*\***

A teen, wearing a dark cloak and bandages around his head, as well as a sword on his hip was walking towards a stone temple. As he reached the inside he was met with another man, sitting at a throne of some sort. The teen was staring at the man with pure hatred, a three tomoe sharingan blazing. The man looked up and spoke, "How much can you s-see...ACHOO!" The teen sweatdropped as the man on the throne blushed. "With those sharingan of yours" Said with a rather half-hearted tone.

#### 4. Chapter 4: Team 7

I do not own Naruto, but neither do any of you.

**\*\*--Academy--\*\***

"Come on Naruto, I thought you were improving, you have until tomorrow to practice for the graduation exam, and you're already messing up!" Iruka was reprimanding Naruto for skipping class. To which Naruto, wearing a well known orange jacket, showed some amount of irritation, "Like I care!". Iruka, with a rather angry tone turned to the class, "Fine then! Since you missed it, everyone is reviewing the transformation jutsu!" The entire class erupted in protest, but decided not to argue.

"Alright, Sakura here let's do it." "Transform!" The pink haired girl turned into a carbon copy of Iruka. '\_Yes! I nailed it, Sasuke is gonna forget about Naruto when he sees how cool I am!\_' "Hey Sasuke, did you see that?" Sasuke never associated himself with his fangirls, other than Naruto and his brother, he didn't see a reason to hang out with girls with no self-respect, but he wasn't some brooding prick. "Yeah" he replied coolly, hey, at least he said something? "Next, Sasuke Uchiha" He simply did the same thing as Sakura and went back to his desk. "Next, Naruto Uzumaki" '\_should I reveal myself now? Or should I wait until after the exam?' \_his thoughts were interrupted as a tired looking kid approached him. "This is a total waste of time Naruto" "Yeah, we always have to pay for your stupidity!" Naruto just smirked and stepped up. A shy girl with big white eyes watched Naruto carefully, '\_Something isn't right, why is acting so different all of a sudden?' \_Aside from Sasuke, Hinata was the only one to know about Naruto's life in the Uchiha compound. She found out one day after following him to Itachi's house, where she saw his true abilities. Why would he act like the weakest kid in the class? "Transform!" Naruto turned into Iruka, however with some noticeable mistakes. "Well Naruto you're doing much better, keep training and you can match up with the rest of the class. Naruto didn't even say anything as he walked to his seat next to Sasuke. '\_Oh sensei, you can count on that' \_"So Naruto, how long are you gonna keep this up, you act like such a loser I sometimes forget it's all a facade" Sasuke said in a whisper. "Just until i'm sure we are paired up, then i'll get serious."

**\*\*--After class--\*\***

As all the kids walked home, Iruka stopped Naruto. "Hey, before you go home, how about I treat you to some ramen? Other than skipping

class I admit you are improving." Naruto's pupils darted to Sasuke's. Sasuke understood and went home, what they usually do now was walk to what was supposed to be Naruto's apartment complex, then Naruto would teleport\* to the Uchiha compound. Before they would just walk home together, good thing no one followed them, well sorta. As Sasuke went on his way, Naruto and Iruka stopped by Ichiraku Ramen.

\*\*-Ichiraku's-\*\*

"So Naruto, spit it out." Naruto raised his eyebrow and started chuckling. '\_So he finally caught on huh?' \_"Why are you skipping class? Do you know how hard it is dealing with you all the time?" '\_oh, guess not' \_Naruto sighed, "I guess I just kinda doze off, there's a good view on that mountain over there" pointing to the hokage monument. "Hey Naruto, do you even know who they are?" Naruto stared at the faces of the hokage as he answered, "Those are the hokage's, they are the strongest ninja of their time. Leaders of the entire village, you know I'm going to be hokage too, that way everyone will look up to me, believe it!" '\_I think I have had enough with this' \_"Hey Iruka, another bowl!" Iruka smiled at the kids resolve and ordered another plate.

\*\*--Academy, next day--\*\*

"We will now start the final exam, when you are called, please proceed to the testing room, this test will be on the clone jutsu." Naruto's face contorted to one of horror, but anyone skilled could see through him. '\_This will be too easy' \_Iruka looked at the class, "Naruto, please enter the test room." As he made his way to the room, he could hear what everyone was saying. 'Good luck loser' 'he's never gonna make it' 'so the weakest one first huh?' Naruto grinned more and more, thinking how much of a rude awakening they will get, Sasuke sure knew.

Naruto entered the room with a table, multiple headbands on it while Mizuki and Iruka sat down. "Ok Naruto, make 3 clones, that's it." Naruto crossed his fingers, "Clone jutsu!" A bit of smoke went off, revealing a pale, pitiful version of Naruto on the floor. Iruka was obviously about to yell until Naruto called out the name again, this time causing 3 perfectly normal clones to appear. "Man Naruto, you nearly gave me a heartattack!" Mizuki looked irked for some reason, '\_Damn it! How did he pull it off? It doesn't matter, a mission is a mission, i'll get that scroll if it's the last thing I do!' \_"Congratulations Naruto, you pass!" Iruka looked glad that Naruto was finally moving up. Naruto was more or less relieved to stop with the stupid persona, with that he left and instantly threw his jacket in the garbage, revealing a plain black shirt underneath. Putting on his headband, he felt pretty good, even if it was certain he wouldn't fail.

\*\*--After final exams--\*\*

All the kids gathered together, so it seems that everyone promoted to genin. Naruto was just hanging with Sasuke near the shade of a tree. Two women were staring at them, speaking silently, "This isn't safe! How could he be promoted?" "And that uchiha hangs out with him too! Maybe the demon possessed them both!" "So Naruto, how does it feel not being the dead last?" Naruto smirked at Sasuke, "How does it feel not being rookie of the year anymore?" Sasuke returned his smirk,

"You want to back that up or are you gonna keep mouthing off" Before they could head off to the training grounds they were approached by a chuunin. "Oh hey Mizuki, what's up?" "So, it seems that you and Sasuke here got promoted, congrats! But what if there was something even more?" Both genin looked at him in confusion, "What if I were to tell you about a secret rank known as elite genin?" Naruto instantly responded, "Elite genin? That sounds cool I guess, what do we do?" Mizuki, content with their curiosity, led them to a rooftop for their 'debriefing'.

**\*\*Iruka's home\*\***

Iruka was at his bed, thinking about Naruto over the span of his academy days. '\_The way he was acting after the exam, and how he threw away his jacket. It was like he changed his persona completely. Is it possible that he was playing us for a fool?\_' \_He was waken from his thoughts when Mizuki banged on his door, "Yes Mizuki what happened?" "Iruka it's Naruto and his Uchiha friend! They stole the sacred scroll!" "What! The scroll of seals!? NO!"

**\*\*unknown location near village- \*\***

Naruto and Sasuke attempted to use the scroll as much as possible. Naruto decided to master the shadow clone jutsu, while Sasuke read the scroll over with his sharingan, copying anything he felt would be useful for him. That was until they felt a presence near them, revealing to be Iruka. "It's all over" chuckling Iruka approached the two, "Sasuke already read the whole scroll over so I guess we can go back." said with no hint that they were doing wrong. "So when do we get elite genin?" Iruka looked at them strangely "What are you talking about? Who told you that?" Naruto knew something was wrong, "Mizuki told us how to get the scroll, and this place and&#160;" '\_what? Mizuki?\_' \_At that moment several kunai came flying at them. "GET DOWN!" Iruka yelled before jumping out of the way with Naruto and Sasuke. "So I see you found our little hideaway huh?" Mizuki was on top of a tree holding a large shuriken. "So that's the way it is, I should have known!" Mizuki turned to Naruto and Sasuke, "Hey guys! Give me the scroll now!" Sasuke shook his head, "Naruto, it's easy to see this guy had us, give the scroll to Iruka while I clean up." Naruto simply threw the scroll at Iruka as he stood side by side with Sasuke. "No way, a real fight? I'm getting some action" Sasuke turned to give a stern look at Mizuki, "You really thought you could lie to us? Big mistake."

Mizuki took the chance, "You call me a liar huh? I'll tell you who's really lying!" Iruka knew what he was referring to, "NO Mizuki! It's forbidden!" Naruto and Sasuke both knew as well, but decided to milk the moment. "The village has been lying to you your whole life! Ever since the decree many years ago!" Iruka was getting desperate, "The decree is, that no one can say the nine tails is inside you Naruto!" Mizuki, hoping to have broken Naruto down, was met with nothing but laughter. "Tell me something I don't know! Or better yet, i'll show you something new!" Naruto made a cross with his hands and a clone appeared at his side. Naruto took out a kunai and held it above his body, blade facing forward. As the clone blew wind chakra into it, it took the appearance of a spear. Iruka was amazed, '\_That's a solid clone, and his elemental manipulation is ridiculous! Just yesterday he could barely make a good transformation. Maybe he was a genius and was just hiding it.' \_Mizuki knew getting hit with that would be over for him, he threw his giant shuriken at Naruto and attempted to flee.

Naruto didn't even flinch as he threw the spear with crazy speed "Vacuum Spear!" The spear broke the shuriken as it flew straight through it, going for a non-lethal shot it missed. "HA looks like you aren't all that nine tails!" Mizuki was about to engage Naruto until the spear blew up, causing multiple cuts to appear on Mizuki as he was knocked into a tree. Iruka had his mouth wide open, it was time to ask, "So Naruto...Mind explaining all of this?" Naruto looked at Iruka with a grin "what? Was I supposed to be a mindless idiot?" And he refused to go further. With that the three went back to report.

Needless to say, the rest of the day was uneventful after they gave the scroll back and returned home. Itachi was not notified of the search party, so he stayed home all day, getting an earful of what transpired. "Naruto, that was not cool, you didn't even let me try anything on him!"

Sasuke was still pissed at Naruto for taking all the action. "Well what was I supposed to do, leave him \_half\_-Conscience?" Naruto shot back. "Just let me handle the next guy we come across!" Itachi looked at them curiously, "Tell me, what new techniques did you acquire?" Sasuke for one was still interested in how Itachi wasn't even mad at them for taking the scroll. "A whole lot of nothing, nothing useful anyway, mostly different sealing jutsu and the like. They had shadow clone and explosive clone, but we already know explosive clone." Naruto was ecstatic, the jutsu he could do with those clones, "I still have to thank you Itachi! That elemental affinity training you taught me was awesome, and with this clone jutsu, I think I can even take you on!" Sasuke frowned while Itachi just smiled, "Well Naruto I still think you need more to beat me. Another thing about that shadow clone jutsu, anything they learn, you retain when they dispel, thanks to your chakra reserves, you could have hundreds of clones training one jutsu, while you have another hundred doing something different." Naruto sat there for a bit, "So does that mean I don't have to train?" Itachi didn't respond as he walked upstairs, followed by Sasuke. "...It was a legitimate question!"

**\*\* -The academy, next day- \*\***

Naruto, wearing a plain black, elbow length shirt and anbu vest, along with black pants. Sasuke, wearing similar clothes to naruto but with elbow guards and a high collar, and the rest of the class were in seats. "So Naruto, do you think it will work?" "Yeah, it has too! Imagine it: the both of us going on dangerous missions fighting powerful ninja all over the world!" Naruto couldn't wait for the team announcement. "Naruto you make it sound like it's a 2 man team. You know what Itachi said, kunoichi of the year, rookie of the year, and dead last. That makes three, along with a jounin instructor." Naruto pondered over it, as long as they didn't get in their way it was fine by him. "Who was kunoichi of the year again?" Naruto asked. Before sasuke could answer Sakura and Ino almost destroyed the door racing into the classroom, arguing over who entered first. "Well it has to be one of those 2 i'm sure. From what I know, Ino has some special jutsu from her clan, Sakura on the other hand is...well, Sakura." Naruto looked over his shoulder to see Sakura smiling in his direction. '\_Now there's an interesting idea'\_ A sly look on Naruto's face put Sasuke on edge. Naruto got up from his seat as Sakura got close,

"Hey Sakura, there's a seat next to Sasuke that's free!" '\_Damn you

Naruto'\_ Sakura didn't even pay Naruto any mind as she instantly sat next to Sasuke, followed by a horde of girls trying to take the seat. '\_What the! I lost my seat, how many fangirls does he have?' \_Naruto decided to jump over the horde and kneeled down on Sasuke's desk. "Hey Naruto, let me scoot over i'll make roo-" He couldn't finish as Naruto was bumped forward, causing them to accidentally kiss in front of the undying horde. They separated not a moment later as they both brushed their lips off and blushed a bit, until Naruto could sense an impending doom. "Naruto, you are so dead" Sakura and the rest of the contingent had stern faces, radiating killer intent. Naruto, however couldn't help but poke fun, "Oh yeah Sakura, I bet you would like to kiss Sasuke huh?" With that he simply let them beat him, until they let it all out. They slowly walked back to their desk. When the heat died down, he returned to his seat next to Sasuke and Sakura. With no signs of any pain or injury. '\_Woah, it was like 10 of us, I never knew Naruto was that tough, not that he's anywhere as strong as Sasuke!'\_

**\*\*Hokage tower moments earlier- \*\***

Hiruzen was watching everything play out, as all the jounin squad leaders were around him looking into his magic ball. "Sasuke Uchiha huh?" Kakashi commented. "Him and Itachi are the only survivors of the massacre, but from what rumors tell me, they took in Naruto to live with them." Hiruzen centered the ball around Naruto, "Naruto, a mystery that one. He seems to be the average ninja, but I think there is more to tell." '\_Minato sensei's son'\_ Kakashi thought.

**\*\*Academy-\*\***

"As of today you are all ninjas, to get here you faced difficult hardships and trials. But that's nothing, what comes next is far more difficult. Now you're only genin, each genin will be grouped into three man squads, led by a jounin." Naruto sat in his desk, pondering over what could happen, '\_As long as it's me and Sasuke, I don't care who the third one is.' \_As Iruka began calling off the teams, he reached team 7, "Naruto Uzumaki" Naruto perked up. "Sakura Haruno" Sakura dropped her head as Naruto was still tense, hoping for the best. "Sasuke Uchiha" Almost as soon as he said 'Uchiha' Sakura jumped in joy as Naruto slinked back and sighed in relief. Sasuke was indifferent, trying to keep his cool, but he still managed a small grin. '\_I won't be in the same group as Naruto' \_Hinata mused with a sad face. Iruka named the rest of the teams as Naruto was still reveling in the fruition of his plan. Ever since he started to really become friends with Sasuke he wanted this more than anything. Itachi used to speak of a close friend, a friend so close he considered him akin to another brother. That's what Sasuke became to Naruto, and being separated was not on his agenda. "Why are you so happy Naruto? If you think getting rookie and kunoichi of the year on your team makes it ok to slack off then you are wrong!" Sakura wanted to make sure she wouldn't have dead weight on her team. "What are you talking about? That's Shikamaru, not me." Naruto countered. Shikamaru thought it would be too troublesome to even argue. "Alright class, Your jounin sensei will meet you after lunch, dismissed!"

**\*\*outside academy-\*\***

Team 7 walked out in unison to a bench in a shaded area, as they unpacked their lunch. Sasuke spoke up first, "Naruto, who do you

think is going to be our sensei?" Naruto pondered for a bit, "Too be honest I don't know any of the jounin instructors, other than that Ebisu guy I met yesterday. Sakura was dumbfounded, during the academy, they would act like enemies, and here they were talking as if they were life long friends. "Something wrong, Sakura? You keep staring at me" Naruto questioned. Sakura fumbled her fingers around "Oh, it's just that, you seem a bit different Naruto, almost completely different." She was a teammate, so he might as well spill the beans. He took a deep breath as he spoke "Well, Sasuke and I live together, and I purposely got dead last to get put on his team, let's just leave it at that." Sakura wasn't even that surprised, but left at a loss for words. "And I'm actually stronger than him!" Naruto added with a flashy grin. Sasuke stood up a bit, "Oh yeah? We'll see about that." Before they could make any moves Sakura intervened, "Hey you guy's were on the same team!" '\_So Naruto is his friend huh?...Oh Yeah! He can put in a good word for Sasuke! Sakura you're a genius!'

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**\*\*Academy classroom-\*\***

"All other teams already went with their sensei's, what was taking this one so long?" Sakura was bored to death, she couldn't speak to Sasuke since him and Naruto were always talking about other things, all she could do was wait. Finally, a man with spiky white hair and a mask over his face entered the room. He watched them carefully, as they him. "So, my first impression, you all seem normal...I hope.

**\*\*Authors note:\*\***

Sorry for all the exposition, it's just imperative to get the history behind everything right? I think too many people launch into the main story too fast, now i'm not gonna be going into too much detail on canon, but enough to where it's not just constant action or A.U. Until next time.

## 5. Chapter 5: Survival Exam

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><p>-Academy roof-<p>

"Why don't we introduce each other?" Kakashi asked. "Introduce? How?" "Likes, dislikes, dreams, hobbies. How about you on the right?" Naruto looked up, "My name is Naruto Uzumaki, I like teamwork, and I dislike training by myself, that's so boring!. I don't have a hobby, and my dream, is to become the hokage! That way i'll be able to make everyone respect me!" Kakashi's eyes widened slightly on his resolve, "Alright, you on the left." Sakura looked up "My name is Sakura Haruno, what I like is...my dream is to...my hobby isâ€|" She could barely contain her blushing from sitting next to Sasuke. "Well, what do you hate?" Sakura thought for a bit, "Well...Naruto sure was annoying! But he's been ok since the exams soâ€|" Kakashi sighed, '\_Well that was useless' \_"ok last one" Sasuke seemed to be zoning out before focusing on Kakashi, "My name, is Sasuke Uchiha. I hate people who pick on the weak. I like the bonds I have remaining, and my goal is to become the strongest shinobi in the world, so no-one

can dare hurt my family again. '\_I knew it, even with Itachi's guidance, he still harbors that grudge' \_

"Good, you have your own ideas and goals. We'll have our first mission tomorrow." Naruto was ecstatic, finally getting to put his training to the test. "Which is?" "A mission we'll do as a 4 man squad." Naruto's face turned blank, "That doesn't answer my question." Kakashi thought for a bit, "A survival exercise" Sakura was surprised, mouthing off about how the academy is over, but the boys knew this would be on another level. Kakashi covered his face with his hand, "Let's just say that if you don't pass, you're all sent back to the academy, and you only have a 33% chance of passing." Sakura deflated while Naruto and Sasuke furrowed their brows. "Bring your ninja gear and skip breakfast, or you'll puke! We'll meet at the designated spot at 5am."

**\*\*Training spot\*\***

The three arrived at 5, but were met with nothing as Kakashi was nowhere in sight. After what seemed like hours, Kakashi walked up to the trio. "Good morning, ready for your first day?" In unison all three jumped up and had pissed off faces. "What? There was a black cat so I had to take the long way you see!" Kakashi ignored their scowls and set a clock on a stump, setting the time. Along with the clock he took out two bells. "This clock is set for noon, you have until then to take these bells. But here's the catch, if you fail to take a bell, you'll be forced to watch me eat lunch as you're tied to those post. Anyone who doesn't have a bell is failed." All three tensed up. Kakashi eyed them carefully, "And...start!" Naruto didn't have a good time learning genjutsu, but he learned how to confuse the enemy. "Shadow clone jutsu!" 30 clones appeared and ran at high speeds around Kakashi as all Sakura jumped away.

Naruto and Sasuke looked at each other and nodded, It was time to try out a simple collaboration. Naruto took out a giant shuriken and blew wind chakra into it, causing it to spin like a buzzsaw. Sasuke did the same by blowing fire chakra into his fuma shuriken. They then threw it as the clones all dispelled. Kakashi watched as the two shuriken flew in complete unison, combining the wind and fire to create a white hot buzzsaw of death. '\_What? No gennin can manipulate chakra like this! Itachi must have trained them to death!' \_Kakashi was forced to jump out of the way, but fell into a trap placed by Sakura. Kakashi was hanging by his feet under a tree as the three gennin ran to grab the bells. '\_Sakura looked like she ran off, but she was placing traps while the boys put on an eye-catching show, remarkable!' \_ Kakashi wouldn't let things end as he substituted away. "Sasuke looked around before tensing up, "Scatter!" Naruto and Sakura jumped into the trees as several kunai embedded themselves into the ground.

Kakashi appeared, watching Sasuke until he took out a book. Sasuke smirked, "don't underestimate me!" Sasuke ran at kakashi, getting kakashi to look at him, and for a split second, the sensei could feel something change. Sasuke and Kakashi engaged in a taijutsu fight, which surprisingly was going in Sasuke's favor. '\_I shouldn't be having this much trouble unlessâ€¦'\_ "Genjutsu, release!" Sasuke flipped back to gain some distance. Kakashi was amazed, he was put in a genjutsu by some kid. "I didn't think I would need to use this but oh well" The masked jounin raised his headband, revealing a sharingan in his left eye. "What?! But how?" Kakashi chuckled, "Old friend, now

let's go" Sasuke would have to change his gameplan, no genjutsu or taijutsu. "Now!" Soon a large amount of fallen leaves turned into clones as they rushed at Kakashi from all sides. '\_So he disguised his clones as leaves when I was in that genjutsu' \_While Kakashi was fighting dozens of Naruto clones, Sasuke turned to Sakura, "Is it done?" Sakura was so happy, she finally could prove herself to Sasuke, "Yup! All done!" The only problem was those bells, two bells, three members. It didn't take long until all clones dispelled, Kakashi quickly rushed at Sasuke and Sakura before stopped. "That's right, you can't take one step closer without activating all trap we've hid... give up." 'Kakashi' dispelled as Sasuke was dragged underground by a hand, causing Sakura to jump away. Only to get tied upside down by her own trap. "Headhunter jutsu, even with your sharingan, you couldn't see me underground" Sasuke was struggling to escape before a giant gust of wind knocked Kakashi away, "Great breakthrough!" Naruto appeared and pulled Sasuke out. But their sensei was nowhere to be found. '\_Well Naruto is not the deadlast that is for sure, if I want to even give the second part of the exam i'll have to wait out the time.' \_Kakashi created multiple lightning clones to scatter around the training ground. The sounds of gennin getting shock after shock was music to his ears.

Kakashi calmly approached the three genin who all had enough with the clones. They didn't even care to fight him, simply watching closely. "Well...you fail" Naruto jumped up in anger, "Hey! All you did was hide! We aren't a tracking team you know!" "Alright just calm down, you'll all get another chance after lunch." Kakashi walked them over to the three post, causing them to gulp. "Eat to gain strength but Sakura gets none since she performed the worst." He quickly threw ninja wire at her, tying her to the post. Sakura was mortified, she didn't have breakfast and now this? '\_Damn it! What do I do now? At this rate, I'll never get a bell!' \_Kakashi had a cold voice as he spoke, "I admit you have some impressive skills, but some flashy attacks and fighting abilities will get you nowhere if you can't even find one enemy, you lack the ability to sit still and think." Kakashi walked over to a black stone, "You don't know the essence of a ninja, power isn't everything." "Remember what I told you for when we try again, and you better heed my warning or you will be failed immediately, I make the rules here, Got it?!" The three slowly nodded as he walked off into the trees. Naruto didn't even eat until after 2 minutes he opened his lunch and, "Hey Sakura, i'll pass you some food while he's gone!" Sasuke eyed Naruto while Sakura protested, "No Naruto! It's against his rules, what if he can see us with his sharingan?" Sasuke decided against looking around with his own, wanting to conserve chakra and let things play out. Naruto pressed it further, "Look Sakura, remember what I said? Teamwork is what I care about. And now you are my teammate like Sasuke, that means I value your life over mine! And i'll make sure you both are always ok, that's my ninja way!" Sakura was dumbfounded at his words, '\_Naruto, I' \_said ninja raised his lunch to her as he started to feed her. Sasuke ate by himself, he needs all the strength he can get, helping her now didn't matter, he'll protect his comrades himself, along with Naruto of course. All of this was stopped as Kakashi returned with pure anger in his voice, "YOU!" A large dust cloud kicked up and the sky turned dark. "Any last words?!" The ground started to shake. Sakura closed her eyes tightly as Naruto and Sasuke stood in front of her with stern faces. "If you really think I could sit there and watch a valued friend starve, then screw your orders!" Sakura opened her eyes at Naruto calling her a friend, It has only been a day. Now that she thought of it, he didn't have many friends at all, it was



like her and Sasuke was all he had. Kakashi made an uncatchable grin at Naruto's 'last words' '\_Obito, Rin, Sensei, this is it, these are the kids I've been waiting for, your son Sensei'  
\_"You!...pass."

'\_Ahhh, a trick exam, I get it.' \_Naruto mused over his confirmed thoughts as Sasuke stood still. Sakura was confused, "You mean we pass? Why?" "Naruto understands, a ninja must see through deception, what he said was the truth." the three genin relaxed, untying Sakura. "An old friend once said: 'Those who break the rules in this ninja world are scum, but those who abandon their friends, are worse than scum.' sometimes we need to put our friends ahead of the mission. Team Seven begins its first official mission tomorrow!" All Naruto grabbed Sasuke and Sakura in a group hug, holding them a bit too tight. Unbeknownst to them, they were being watched.

**\*\*nearby hill\*\***

"So Itachi, you trained them well, but what Kakashi said was true. If they don't know how to control their gifted strength in more ways than aggressive force, they might as well be a liability. Perhaps I can lend a hand in their training." Danzo was watching the event, alongside Itachi. "You wish to train them yourself? You can leave Sasuke to me, but I believe Naruto will be more than ready if that's what you want." Danzo was content, he would have the nine-tails all to himself, while he wouldn't use any of his...less ethical techniques, he could easily sway the young boy to his will. "Kakashi doesn't need to know about this, good day Itachi." Danzo walked back to the village, leaving Itachi to his thoughts. '\_Danzo thinks he can keep a close eye on Sasuke and I through Naruto.' \_

**\*\*within the village\*\***

The trio were eating at ichiraku, being invited by our yellow haired friend. "So guys what do you think our first mission will be! I hope we get to fight some bandits or something like that!" Naruto said full of hope. Sasuke on the other hand was more cynical, "With our luck we'll get stuck doing basic chores or something." "Why would they do that? Kakashi saw what you can do, chores would be a waste of time in my opinion!" Sakura said with uncertainty. Naruto stopped his eating, "Yeah, I bet we're the strongest genin in the village!" At that another genin team sat down. "Says the dead last! Me and Akamaru alone can take your whole team down!" Kiba Inuzuka, the dog training genin, said with obvious pride. "Kiba, stop acting like an idiot." Said coolly by Shino Aburame, a specialist in bug jutsu.

The both of them sat on the stools, followed by a Hinata. '\_Naruto is right there, maybe I can talk to him or-'\_ "As if! You couldn't even hope to beat one of us!" Naruto said, breaking her train of thought. Kiba laughed as he ordered. "Hey Naruto" Sakura said, "Thanks for the meal, I should be heading home for now, later Sasuke!" Hinata couldn't help but feel overwhelming jealousy, why did she get to be in a team with Naruto? At least she was all for Sasuke, speaking of which. "Jeez Naruto do you have to eat so much? I put in more work than you and I'm already full!" Naruto didn't even care to stop eating. When he was done, It was only him and Hinata, Sasuke decided to leave early. Hinata blushed to shades of red that should be inhuman, '\_Now it's just me and Naruto! Should I Stay or what?'\_ Naruto saw her from the corner of his eyes, "Hey Hinata, why are you staring at me? Why are you so red?" Hinata gasped when he spoke to

her and ran from the restaurant. "...Wow, that was something." "That it was, Naruto Uzumaki." Naruto turned his head to see an old man with a bandaged head. "It seems that you like your team." Naruto was confused, he didn't know this man at all, but he was speaking as if he's known him for some time. "Yeah, I guess I do, who are you again?" looking at Naruto, eye to eye, "My name is Danzo, and I want to make a deal with you."

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><p>Well that's it for this chapter, after this it's going to be mostly A.U. that way it's all unpredictable. I still don't have a regular schedule for this. I hope to get one to two a week, that sounds good. Make sure to read Kishimoto's final Naruto chapter in a few days!<p>

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